



SEPTEMBER 17

THE GOSPEL OF GOD IN THE WIND

GETTING STARTED

This weekend we continued in our *The Gospel of God* series. We saw that God has revealed himself to us from the beginning of creation and that humans have rejected what God revealed.

As you begin the study, read this incredible description of God's creation and how it points directly to the One who made it:

*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech; they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. **Psalm 19:1-4***

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

If you could time travel, what are two eras in the history of our world that you would visit? Why?

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. As you think back over this weekend's message, what was something the Holy Spirit highlighted for you? Why do you think that is? What do you think He wants to teach you through this new insight?
2. Paul writes in Romans 1:18-20 that God has revealed His eternal power and divine nature to us through the world around us. Have you experienced this? How so?
 - a. How has this shaped the way you view or relate to God?
3. This weekend Joel talked about the idea of intelligent design. What did you find interesting about this? How helpful might this be for someone who is open to the idea of God's existence?

Use this QR code to discover more resources on intelligent design:



4. Read Ephesians 1:15-23. In this passage, the Apostle Paul is praying for God's people to have their eyes opened to God's incomparably great power. Write down key words or phrases that speak of God's power in this passage.
- a. It is easy to lose sight of God's power in our day-to-day life. Where are you struggling to believe in God's power at work in your life today?
5. Read the following passages that describe the nature and character of God.
- Exodus 34:5-7
 - Psalm 103:7-12
 - Colossians 1:15-23
 - John 14:15-27
- a. As you read through these passages, which one or two stood out the most? Why?
- b. Are there any characteristics of God's nature you are having or have had a hard time believing? How so?
- c. How has God surprised you in helping you see and understand who He is and what He is like?
6. Joel ended the message this weekend by asking the question, *What Are You Doing With The Truth That You Have?* Is there any truth that you are wrestling with or even suppressing about either yourself or God? If so, what would it look like to invite God to help you embrace that truth instead of avoiding it?



TOPICAL PRAYER

Prayer is an important part of each Life Group. Often those who are new to a Life Group are intimidated by praying aloud if they have never done it before. Others are so comfortable with prayer that they can take over the prayer time without meaning to. For these reasons, we suggest practicing topical prayer to help your group get comfortable praying together. Here are three basic guidelines:

1. Focus on a Single Topic/Request at a Time

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a topic is introduced, one or two members pray for that request. Then, the Life Group Leader will direct the prayer time by sharing the next topic/request.

2. Pray Several Times Together

By focusing on one topic at a time, each member has an opportunity to pray at different times for the requests they are most passionate about.

3. Keep Requests/Prayers Short and Simple

By keeping both requests and prayers short and simple, everyone has a chance to share and pray. This helps those who are new to prayer feel more comfortable praying. It also helps everyone stay focused during your time of prayer together.